

# FROM PROBABILITIES TO LABELS: ROC CURVE

Remember: Both probabilistic and scoring classifiers can output classes by thresholding:

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = [\pi(\mathbf{x}) \geq c] \quad \text{or} \quad h(\mathbf{x}) = [f(\mathbf{x}) \geq c_f].$$

To draw a ROC curve:

- 1 Rank test observations on decreasing score.
- 2 Start with  $c = 1$ , so we start in  $(0, 0)$ ; we predict everything as negative.
- 3 Iterate through all possible thresholds  $c$  and proceed for each observation  $x$  as follows:
  - If  $x$  is positive, move TPR  $1/n_+$  up, as we have one TP more.
  - If  $x$  is negative, move FPR  $1/n_-$  right, as we have one FP more.

